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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1887.

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PRIOR \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
M. FREDERICK DODWELL has
This Day RESUMED CHARGE of our
BUSINESS at this Port.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.
Hongkong, February 4, 1887. 199

NOTICE.
I HAVE THIS DAY commenced BUSINESS
as STOCKBROKER.
APCAR G. APCAR,
Beaconsfield Arcade.
Hongkong, February 1, 1887. 186

Intoxicants.

HONGKONG, CANTON and MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 6 PER
CENT. or \$1.20 per SHARE, declared at the
Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of
Shareholders held THIS DAY, will be Pay-
able at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION on or after THURS-
DAY, the 3rd Instant.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at
the OFFICE of the Company for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2, 1887. 188

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eight-
eenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in the above-named
Company will be held at the Company's
Office situate in Pedder's Street, Victoria,
in the Colony of Hongkong, on TUESDAY,
the 22nd day of February, 1887, at 12.30
of the Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a
Statement of Accounts to the 31st Decem-
ber, 1886, of the Report of the General Man-
agers, and to elect a Consulting Committee
and Auditors.

NOTICE is hereby also given that at the
same place and in the same day at
12.45 o'clock in the Afternoon or so soon
afterwards as the Ordinary Annual MEETING
will be concluded, an EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the Company will
be held for the purpose of passing the
aforesaid Resolution.

Should the resolution be passed by the
required majority it will be submitted for
confirmation as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION to a
SECOND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING which
will subsequently convene.

CHIEF MANAGER,
Hongkong, Thomas JACKSON, Esq.
Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposit:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 28, 1886. 947

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will
be conducted by the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their
premises in Hongkong. Business hours
from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Saturday, 10
to 12.30 p.m.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250
at one time will not be received. No
depositor may deposit more than \$2,500
in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having
\$100 or more at their credit may at
their option transfer the same to the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration on fixed deposit for 12 months
at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent.
per annum will be allowed to depositors on
their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis
with a Pass-Book which must be pre-
sented with each payment or withdrawal.
Depositors must not make
any entries themselves in their Pass-
Books but should send them to be
written up at least twice a year, about
the beginning of January and begin-
ning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of
the Bank if marked *On Hongkong
Savings' Bank* is forwarded free
by the various British Post Offices in
Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,
but the personal attendance of the
depositor or his duly appointed agent,
and the production of his Pass-Book
are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1887. 754

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will ENTER into
PARTNERSHIP on the 1st January
1887, as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS
under the Style or Firm of 'HUGHES &
EZRAS'.

E. JONES HUGHES,
N. N. J. EZRA.
Hongkong, December 31, 1886. 2492

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of
M. LOUIS PIROT in our Firm
ceased on the 1st January, 1887.

HARN, PIROT & CO.
Hongkong, January 14, 1887. 81

NOTICE.

MR. GEORGE SACHSE has been ad-
mitted a PARTNER in our Firm from the 1st
of January, 1887.

HARN, PIROT & CO.

Hongkong, January 14, 1887.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. ED. MILLER
to sign Bills of Lading in our
Name from this date.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, November 29, 1886. 2874

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

BEG TO CALL SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THEIR
LARGE AND VARIED STOCK OF

the following:

SOLID LEATHER PORTMANTEAUS.

PATENT LEATHER PORTMANTEAUS.

WATER-PROOF CANVAS OVERLAND TRUNKS.

AMERICAN CAMP TRUNKS.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN GLADSTONE BAGS & VALISES.

FITTED TRAVELLING BAGS AND CASES.

PATENT STEEL 'P. & O.' CAMP TRUNKS.

PATENT STEEL DRESS TRUNKS.

LADIES SATINOCAT TRUNKS.

AIR-TIGHT SUITCASES.

TRAVELLING DESKS AND DESPATCH BOXES.

RUGS, STRAPS and LABELS.

WATER-PROOF CANVAS HOLD-ALLS.

LEATHER BOOT CASES (for packing Boots inside Trunks).

Also,

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

TRAVELLING RUGS, CAPS, WATER-PROOFS, AND UMBRELLAS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, February 2, 1887. 185

ARE SHOWING
A CHOICE SELECTION OF

OVER COATINGS,

to which they INVITE the attention of

their Customers.

SPECIALTY

Superfine Black Cloth Dress Suit,

\$30.00.

Hongkong, December 1, 1886. 2223

W. POWELL & CO.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

FOR CASH

14 Days only,

Remnants! Remnants!! Remnants!!!

W. POWELL & CO.

HONGKONG, January 27, 1887. 146

PUNJAM AND SUNGHE DUA.

SAMANTAN MINING COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above-named
Company will be held at the Company's
OFFICE, No. 4, Club Chambers, on TUES-
DAY, the 8th February, 1887, at 4 p.m., for
the purpose of receiving a Report of the
Directors, together with a Statement of
Account.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 29, 1887. 159

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.

Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
METEOROLOGICAL
INSTRUMENTS.

VORLANDER'S CELEBRATED
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

RÖTTER'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES.

ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS.

NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

CHRISTIE & CO., ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,

in great variety.

DIAMONDS

— AND —

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

A Splendid Collection of the Latest London
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPÖA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of
the Company's FOREMEN should be at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the
HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1886. 1488

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION
will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong,
on SATURDAY, the 26th day of February
current, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Court of
Directors, together with a Statement of
Accounts to 31st December, 1886.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 1, 1887. 177

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
REGISTRY OF SHARES of the
CORPORATION will close on FRIDAY, the 26th
day of February, 1887, during which period no
Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 12, 1887. 182

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,
Formerly ARTICLED APPRENTICE and LAT-
TERLY ASSISTANT to DR. ROGERS.

AT the urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occu-
pied by DR. ROGERS,

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to Missionaries and families.

Sole Address

2, DUDDELL STREET,
(Next to the New

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
11th and 12th February, 1887,
will be held from 8 to 12 P.M.
FAIR AND FETE
IN AID OF THE ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
ORCAN FUND.

The Fair will be held in St. George's Hall, which will be converted for the occasion into 'A MEDIEVAL VILLAGE.' Presided over by Rustic King, Sivans, Indians, Dances of the Red Cross, Virandibes, La Fille du Regiment, Watteau Shop-harlequin, Flower Girls, the Seasons, Ladies of the Last Century, &c., &c.

A WHEEL OF FORTUNE,
Under the superintendence of
MOTHER HUBBARD, DAME TROT, AND
MOTHER GOOSE.

A GIBBY ENCAMPMENT,
FORTUNE TELLING, WELL OF TRUTH
WEIGHING CHAIR, &c., &c.

IN THE THEATRE
will be performed at 10 P.M. on each
evening,
AN ENTIRELY NEW AND ORIGINAL
BUREAU OF ENTERTAINMENT
THE LILY OF THE (HAPPY)
VALLEY;

THE TEST, THE TEST, and THE TAIPAN.
By the Author of 'Buttercup Bower.'

IN THE ST. ANDREW'S HALL,
PANORAMA DESCRIPTIVE OF THE
WAR IN THE SUDAN.

Specally painted for this occasion by
HERS LOUIS KLEIN, of London.

ADMISSION. ONE DOLLAR.
Children, Soldiers, Sailors, and Police,
50 Cents.

TICKETS may be obtained from Messrs
KELLY & WALSH; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.;
and W. BREWER.

TICKETS for the Burlesque may be obtained
from Messrs KELLY & WALSH.

DRESS Circus (numbered and re-
served) 51.
STALLS 50 Cents.

SPECIAL AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE OF
THE PANORAMA for CHILDREN will take
place on SATURDAY, 12th February, at
5 P.M. Admission, 50 Cents.

Hongkong, January 31, 1887.

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To-day's Advertisements.

SALINGER'S ENGLISH OPERA
BOUFFE COMPANY.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

To-night,
THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.

T U E S D A Y,
8th February, 1887.

Business Manager, Mr. N. SALINGER.
Stage Manager, Mr. ARTHUR RIGBY.

ANOTHER GRAND CHANGE OF
PROGRAMME.

The pieces selected for this occasion will be
GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S 'Aesthetic'
Come Opera, in Two Acts,
entitled:

PATIENCE,
OR
BUNTHORNE'S BRIDE.

Characters:

Colonel Caldeley
Major Mur-
phy
Lieut. the
Duke of
Dunstable
Reginald
Bunthorne
Archibald
Lady Jane
Lady Angela
Lady Saphir
Patience

Mr. Frank
J. Este
Mr. George
Wilson
Mr. Herbert
Sutler
Mr. Arthur
Poet
An Idyllic
Poet
Mrs. N. St-
hinger
Miss Lena
Sydney and Melbourne
Miss Alice
Emmett
A Dairy
Maid
Sartor.

Music Director, Mr. H. W. Powys Wood.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2.

Back Seats, \$1.

Military and Sailor in Uniform, Half.

Price to Box Seats only.

Reserve Seats may be booked at Messrs
KELLY & WALSH, Limited, where a Plan
of the Hall may be seen.

Doors open at 8.30, to commence at 9.

THURSDAY, the 10th February,
First Grand Production of GILBERT AND
SULLIVAN'S latest Japanese Comic Opera
THE 'Y.M.K.A.D.O.'

on
The Town of Tigris.
Hongkong, February 5, 1887.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 23rd February, 1887, at 11 a.m., on

BOARD—

THE BRITISH THREE-MASTED
SCHOONER

WANDERING MINSTREL

of 362 Tons Register, Built in 1875, and

now registered with Yellow Metal,

which all her TACKLE and APPAREL

as she then lies in the Harbour, near

the Cosmopolitan Dock.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the
cheese Money to be paid after fall of hau-
mer, the remainder upon transfer, the
Vessel to be at Purchaser's risk immediately
after being knocked down.

A STAM LAUNCH will have Pudders

Wharf at 10.45 a.m., for further Parti-
culars, apply to the AUCTIONER.

G. R. LAMMERT,
auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 5, 1887.

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To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.
The Co. Steamship
For Passage,
Captain HANSEN, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on MONDAY, the 7th Instant, at
3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 5, 1887.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers through rates
for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports
on the YANGTSE.)

The Co. Steamship
Canton, will be
despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 7th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 5, 1887.

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THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY (ONLY).

The Co. Steamship
Beverly, Captain HAMLIN, will be
despatched for the above
Port on MONDAY, the 7th Instant, at
5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 5, 1887.

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NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND
SOURABAYA, VIA SAIGON
AND SINGAPORE.

The Co. Steamship
Drontheim, Captain HONTHOFER, will be
despatched as above on
about the 10th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1887.

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HONGKONG FLOWER SHOW.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

will be held in the BOTANIC GARDENS,

on THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,
the 17th and 18th February, 1887.

ALL EXHIBITS must be entered not later
than the 14th Instant, and PLANTS IN POTS
should be sent in on the 10th Instant.

Admission:—First Day, \$1; Second Day,
20 Cents.

Tickets for the First Day may be obtained
from LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Schedules of Prizes can be obtained from

CHARLES FORD,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 5, 1887.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.

Vessels.

Captain.

Agents.

1st of Leaving.

Amoy.

Emeraldal (s).

Hamilin.

Russell & Co.

February 7, at 5 p.m.

Forsman (s).

Harris.

February 7, at 5 p.m.

Davanchur (s).

Honthoff.

February 7, at 5 p.m.

Niurheng (s).

Berdrow.

February 7, at 5 p.m.

Archinde (s).

Cancapa.

February 7, at 5 p.m.

Cassandra (s).

Donaldson.

February 7, at 5 p.m.

Dardams (s).

Purdy.

February 7, at 5 p.m.

Zafiro (s).

Talbot.

February 7, at 5 p.m.

Marsilles and Porte of Call.

London, via Suez Canal.

day. And, finally, it is stated that the long-talked-of line between Tokyō and Hachijo is likely to pass at length from the region of rumour into that of practical incision. This road has been on the *topos* since the year before last. The original purpose of profit which it offered was originally abandoned, and now, however, the insufficiency of tram-cars for such a route was discovered, and the project took the form of a railway. A petition was presented to the authorities by the former tram-car company, and simultaneously another application for the same concession was preferred by a different body of speculators. The Government, puzzled to decide between the competitors, adopted the sensible plan of telling them that they had better combine, and renew their petition in a joint form. Considerable difficulty, however, seems to have been experienced in elaborating a common ground of action, and the *Yomiuri Shinbun* says that at present the two parties are at a standstill. Meanwhile, we hear of the Kiushu railway projectors ordaining their plant and of associations being formed in several other places. If railways come into fashion, the value of loan bonds and such securities will doubtless decline—a result for which capitalists ought to be always prepared.

FRAGRANT WATERS MURMUR.

That it sounds strangely to hear the Hongkong Commissioner to the Colleagues is unable to give a precise list of his own exhibitors.

That the printers of the Official Catalogue made a sad hash of the names of the Hongkong exhibitors, but that surely the Special Commissioner could have supplied the correct name.

That a strong feeling exists against any judicial power being conferred upon any Head of a Government Department outside of the Courts, but that special diseases sometimes need special cures.

That if such power be granted, it should be hedged around as carefully as strict provisions can hedge it.

That the Fire Superintendent will need all his latest tips from Captain Shaw to maintain the Brigades in the efficient state attained by his *locum tenens*.

That the first forcible exercise by the Acting Gaol Superintendent of his special power to whip recalcitrant prisoners was well timed, and must prove to be a powerful deterrent in all cases of disobedience and mutiny.

That the early experience of the Acting Governor of the Gaol must have been trying to so young an Officer, but that his action receives the hearty sanction of the community.

That Mr Price, in transmitting the approximate estimates of the larger public works and buildings which the Government has in contemplation, wisely adds 'or which have been under consideration.'

That among those which have been, will certainly be classed the \$400,000 for a new prison, for it is most improbable that any such undertaking will meet with the sanction of the ratepayers until the torrent of whipping, to make the present Gaol less of a pale of ease than at present, has been tried.

That considering the very free use lately made of revolvers by Chinese, it seems very desirable that the law at one time in force restricting the sale of fire-arms should at once be reimposed.

That if the number of purchasers bear any close ratio to the number of revolvers exposed for sale in the shops in Queen's Road West, the Chinese must be doing a roaring trade in that inconveniently deadly little weapon.

That the approaching Fete and Fair for the Cathedral Organ will not distract about a display of this community's 'aesthetical liberality.'

That, despite the heavy calls that have lately been imposed upon it, the community have no need to be reminded that, though 'Charity begins at home,' there is no law human or divine constraining it to end there.

That the tastes of all classes will be attended to by the bilious and the anti-bilious, will alike be cared for;—old tea, hot salade, and many other delicacies will be dispensed by the hands of Hongkong's fairest daughters, at prices too insignificant to mention.

That Cranberry's 'wit will "skimilate" all over the place' free gratis and for nothing, at the moderate charge of one dollar for first-class facsimile, and fifty cents for second-class.

That even the 'Scotch bodies' in our midst are to be willing contributors of their substance to this prelate 'kif fu' of whusssula.

That Music and Drawing will be taught by Crabtree and Son, and the praises of the Charivari will be sung by a long-haired, turned-down-collared, griffon poet, who has been carefully trained on Sunflower-mash, and entered for this race only.

That the Poet is as well primed with the divine afflits as the good Alfred is with his harmless joklets, and that the effriss of both can be safely recommended alike to invalids and children of tender years.

That this day marks on us in the history of the Colony, when the first a-going fighting ship built in Hongkong takes the water.

That the Admiralty might note the fact and send one of their spare orders this way, if but to show what our local Chief Constructor can do, besides making the new Admiralty Dock for Home-built ships.

That David at one time was a little man, but spite of that he slew the Giant, and grew to be a big King.

That the air is full of warlike rumours, but that notwithstanding most people seem to think that the time is not yet, though there is no saying whether the necessities of Russia and the recklessness of France may lead.

That the Peking Authorities will be wise to put down with a strong hand the over-reaching attempts of their subordinates to misconstrue the provisions of the Chinese Opium Convention.

That the Fair Sex will not see that 'shall' and 'may' possess quite the same significance, because, in matters matrimonial, if a nice young man says 'I may marry you,' it has not quite the same meaning as that of the more welcome phrase 'I shall lead you to the altar.'

That the Fair Sex clearly have not yet mastered the curious turns of legal expression.

That the Stock Market throughout the week has, on the whole, been quiet.

That the chief feature has been the inspired announcement of the Bank's intended 30% dividend, with a provision of \$500,000 to meet the Manila losses, \$300,000 of which to be taken from the earnings of the half year and the balance to be made up by the absorption of the equalisation fund.

That this result has proved both rumours current from time to time during the past six months to have been correct, namely, that the Bank was 'coining money,' and that the Manila losses would exceed expectations.

That had the Bank not done extremely well it could not have afforded to pay a 30% dividend after providing \$300,000 from its profits.

That the reduced dividend and possible loss of five lakhs present a melancholy picture of branch agency financing, very discouraging to shareholders and disengaging as to the real value of the 'all bad and doubtful debts provided' statement which accompanies each half-year's accounts.

That in the fulness of time it may transpire how a certain 'charmed circle' became aware of the pending dividend before the general public or even the Directors.

That there is no truth in the rumour that a handsome honourarium has been awarded to the Manila Agent (the consequence of the shareholders being, of course, relied upon), or that a statue is to be erected in his honour for appreciative shareholders to look upon—and weep!

That Banks would have already risen

materially on the word being known,

and on the basis of a handsome state-

ment of revenue, pointing to an early

return to the 23, but for the political

anxiety that naturally exists, and which has not brought about a fall of 2%.

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way, if but to show what our local Chief

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new Admiralty Dock for Home-built

ships.

That David at one time was a little man,

but spite of that he slew the Giant, and

grew to be a big King.

That another writer to the papers (years of Thursday) on matters best addressed to the General Managers, or reserved for the meeting (taking, in the meantime, the opinions and promised action of other shareholders) will probably find that he has defeated his purpose by his precipitancy.

BROWNIE.

LAUNCH OF A SPANISH CRUISER AT HUNG HOM.

The launching of a small cruiser from the Hung Hom establishment of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. this afternoon marks an era in the history of shipbuilding in Hongkong. Hitherto, the shipbuilders in this Colony have mainly confined themselves to the most remunerative branch of their business, that of repairing, contesting themselves when opportunity offered, with building steam launches, and how and then a small merchant steamer. Recently, however, with the extension of the Dock Co.'s premises and the increase of their plant, which is, perhaps, now as complete, though not so extensive, as can be found anywhere, the management has become more ambitious, and as the first effort of its newly-developed ambition it has essayed the construction of a man-of-war, which is without doubt the most elaborate form of naval architecture. Of course, it cannot be said that the management has succeeded, as its work in this particular direction has not yet been tested, but, judging by what has been accomplished by the Company in the past and the appearance, so far, of the vessel which has been launched, there seems every probability of their latest effort turning out only as successful as anything they have done in the past.

As befitting the occasion there was an imposing ceremony performed before launching the vessel, but before giving a report of the proceedings, a description of the vessel itself may be given.

The *Philippines*, for such is the vessel has been named, has been built to the order of the Government of Manila, and will be used for the protection of its *Scout* class of the British Navy, with the exception that she will not be fitted with torpedo tubes. These may be fitted with the *Scout* class.

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